

REMARKS

5 1. Regarding the objection under Section 4(e), Claims 6, 8, and 12, submitted herewith are now properly presented. In particular, Applicant has indicated the added language in Claim 6 and the status of Claims 8, and 12 is properly designated.

10 2. Regarding the objection raised under Section 5, first paragraph, Applicant respectfully does not agree with the Examiner.

On page 7, lines 19-21 of the Specification (see Applicant's Preliminary Amendment, dated 15 August 2001) there is the following
15 sentence:

"what is important here is simply that the unencrypted start section 20 of the user data block 14 should be placed immediately after the start block 12."

20 In view of this, Applicant is of the opinion that the Examiner is definitely not correct. Therefore, Applicant has not amended this feature in the pending claims.

25 3. Regarding section 5, second paragraph and the issue of "absolutely necessary", please refer to the amended claims as enclosed herewith. To overcome this objection, Applicant has now used the literal wording of page 18, lines 8-12 of the Specification in Claims 6 and 13, reading as follows:

30 "according to the present invention only the information of the start block 12 which is absolutely necessary for playing back the

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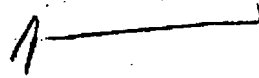
unencrypted start section of the user data block 14 (step 110) is initiated processed in the playback device."

5 In view of this, Applicant is of the opinion that the Examiner should withdraw any new matter objections.

Should the Examiner deem it helpful, he is encouraged to contact Applicant's attorney, Michael A. Glenn, at (650) 474-8400.

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